

Some Laid-Off Aberdeen Workers Called Back

ABERDEEN (AP) — A wind turbine blade manufacturer in Aberdeen has called back 15 of the 92 employees who were laid off last month, after receiving new orders.

Molded Fiber Glass has received orders from the General Electric Co. for the 40-meter blade that it normally makes and also for a new, larger blade, Plant Manager Dave Giovannini told the *American News*. The molds for the 48.7-meter blades are being shipped.

"It is a significant development," Giovannini said.

Ohio-based Molded Fiber Glass announced in mid-September that it was laying off one-fourth of its workforce in Aberdeen due to a drop in orders related to uncertainty about the future of a federal wind energy production tax credit that expires at year's end.

More laid-off workers might be called back if Congress renews the tax credit, Giovannini said.

"Whether the legislation passes or not will end up determining the total volume of production," he said.

Woman Pleads Guilty To S.D. Bank Robbery

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An Iowa woman who told authorities that she had been kidnapped and forced to rob a South Dakota bank with dynamite strapped to her body has pleaded guilty to robbery.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson announced Tuesday that 39-year-old Marie Bock, of Sioux City, Iowa, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging her with bank robbery.

Prosecutors say Bock robbed a First Premier Bank in Sioux Falls in July with fake dynamite strapped to her chest. Bock told authorities that she had been kidnapped by two people and told that the bomb would go off if she didn't rob the bank.

Bock faces 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is set for Jan. 14.

Carjacking Suspect Hurt In Police Chase

RAPID CITY (AP) — A carjacking in Rapid City ended when the suspect rolled the vehicle following a chase with police that reached speeds of 120 mph.

Police say the man stole a car from another man in a parking lot at gunpoint Monday afternoon, and later rolled it on Interstate 90 after authorities who gave chase used road spikes to flatten the tires.

The 35-year-old suspect was taken to a Sturgis hospital with what police said were non-life threatening injuries. He was released Monday night and arrested on several charges including robbery and eluding law enforcement.

Man Injured In Hunting Mishap In S.D.

SELBY (AP) — A Nebraska man is being treated at a North Dakota hospital after a hunting accident in northern South Dakota.

Walworth County Chief Deputy Josh Boll tells the *American News* that the 70-year-old man was accidentally shot by someone in his pheasant hunting party Sunday in the Selby area. He says the man is being treated at a Bismarck, N.D., hospital for injuries that are not life-threatening.

The man's name was not immediately released. Boll says he does not expect any charges to be filed in the case.

Nebraskans Claim \$1 Million Powerball Prize

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha couple have claimed their \$1 million Powerball lottery prize.

The Nebraska Lottery says Guy and Marcella Stoller went to the lottery headquarters in Lincoln on Monday to turn over the ticket he'd bought at an Omaha Bag 'N Save store near 90th and Maple streets.

The ticket matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball number during the drawing Saturday night. The numbers were 4, 21, 28, 31, 44 and Powerball 10.

Nebraska Voters Consider 4 Ballot Measures

BY JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraskans will decide whether to enshrine hunting and fishing in the state constitution, let lawmakers serve longer and earn more money, and whether to make it a little easier to impeach officials.

With little campaigning being done on any of the measures on the Nov. 6 ballot, it's unclear how any of them will fare. All were referred to voters by the Legislature.

Nebraska is one of four states — along with Idaho, Kentucky, and Wyoming — to consider creating a constitutional right to hunt and fish this November. The National Conference of State Legislatures says 13 states already have similar protections. Seven other states considered similar legislation this year but failed to pass anything.

Scott Smathers, executive director of the Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation, said it's important to protect the sports now before animal rights groups, such as the Humane Society of the United States, can act. Smathers said he believes it's important to put this statement in the state constitution to make clear how Nebraskans feel about hunting and fishing.

"It's a statement that says, 'Listen, we value these traditions in our state,'" said Smathers, whose group has been holding meetings to explain the need for the ballot measure.

Critics of the proposal question whether language should be added to the constitution when there's no apparent threat to hunting and fishing in Nebraska. But hunting rights advocates point to measures animal-welfare

groups pushed in other states, including a ban on dove hunting approved by Michigan voters in 2006 and a five-year ban on bear hunting in New Jersey that ended in 2010.

"We know that those groups are coming, and their efforts are increasing," Smathers said.

The Humane Society of the United States, which has led efforts to improve conditions for farm animals, isn't campaigning against the Nebraska measure, said Jocelyn Nickerson, the group's state director. Nickerson said there is no threat to hunting and fishing in Nebraska.

"This amendment is a solution in search of a problem," she said.

Randy Adkins, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said he expects the hunting measure to pass easily because hunting is so popular in the state and some people are concerned about the possibility of new gun-ownership restrictions.

Nebraska ballot measures must receive a simple majority of yes votes to pass. But the number of yes votes a measure receives must be greater than 35 percent of the total votes cast in the election.

Here's a rundown of the three other constitutional amendments:

— Nebraska's 49 state senators would see their salaries jump from the current \$12,000 to \$22,500 annually under one proposal. Omaha Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh proposed the raises, noting state senators haven't received a raise since 1988.

Lautenbaugh said the extra pay could enable more people to run for office, rather

than only people with the personal wealth that enables them to serve for little pay.

Voters rejected the last effort to increase senators' salaries in 2006.

— Voters will also have a chance to relax term limits for the state Legislature. The measure state Sen. Tom Carlson of Holdrege proposed would allow senators to serve up to three consecutive four-year terms. The current limit is two terms.

Carlson said he thinks relaxing term limits would help senators learn more about the state's issues and legislative procedures before they have to leave office. If they knew more, he said senators could be more effective.

Gov. Dave Heineman and some lawmakers oppose the change, saying lawmakers are effective now and that the change isn't needed.

— The final measure on the ballot would make it possible to impeach officials for wrongdoing done while campaigning. Currently, Nebraska elected officials can only be impeached for actions they take while in office.

Sen. Bill Avery of Lincoln said the impeachment measure would close a loophole exposed by the case of former University of Nebraska Regent David Hergert.

Hergert was impeached in 2006 and removed from office for manipulating campaign finance laws when he ran for election in 2004. He later pleaded guilty in a separate case to bank fraud for inflating business assets to keep a \$3 million loan.

Avery said Hergert was able to be impeached only because he signed a false campaign finance report after taking office.

Nebraska Burning Body Case Remains A Mystery

ASHLAND, Neb. (AP) — Authorities report little progress in solving the slaying of a man whose burning body was spotted by two farmers in eastern Nebraska.

The man has yet to be identified. No relatives or friends apparently have come looking for him.

Investigators have chased dozens of leads and stopped scores of morning commuters to ask whether they saw something odd or menacing four weeks ago. Investigators are still on the

case, and other officers have been reassigned to help out.

"In my 20 years here, I've never seen this amount of manpower devoted to a single case," Sarpy County Sheriff's Lt. Mark Trapp told the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

The body was that of a man, between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-9, weighing 150 to 180 pounds, with short, dark-brown hair, a beard and a mustache. An autopsy showed the man was tied up and likely had been killed before

being dumped in a farm field ditch on Sept. 24 and set on fire. He had a rosary and was wearing jeans.

The body was found by the farmers as they checked out smoke between their fields near Linoma Beach. The resort sits east of Ashland on the east side of the Platte River.

Trapp said investigators concluded the man likely wasn't from the area, because local authorities have not been asked about anyone whose general de-

scription matches the body. Investigators also found no likely leads as they perused reports about missing people from across the country.

Such mysterious cases can attract interest from people with mental health problems, Trapp said. "And they maybe come forward and say they've seen things that they didn't."

But, Trapp said, "We followed up every single lead that's been given to us, no matter how strange or outlandish."

OBITUARIES

Wylie 'Jim' Kusel

Wylie J. Kusel, age 68 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Monday, October, 22, 2012 at the Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Inurnment will be at the St. Michael's cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. The family will receive friends on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

To send an online condolence or to view the video tribute go to www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Honorary pallbearers will be Steven and Jan Lammers, Kenny and JoAnne Wockman, Gerry and Patsy Thoenne, and Butch and Marlene Schmidt.

Wylie James "Jim" Kusel was born on July 5, 1944 in Crofton, Nebraska to Louis and Clara Ann (Brunner) Kusel. He grew up and attended grade school in Crofton until moving to Hartington. Jim worked road construction prior to his marriage. He married Eileen Ann Kleinschmit on July 27, 1964 in Bow Valley, Nebraska. Jim then began grain and dairy farming. After farming, Jim began working for Stockman's and then for Kolberg's in Yankton, SD as a welder. Jim continued to do odd jobs for many people after



Kusel

he retired from Kolberg's. Jim owned and operated Kusel Farm Equipment and sold Farmall Tractors and Koyker Loaders. Jim was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, loved hunting, fishing playing cards, going to auctions, going to the casino, Nebraska Football, spending time with his grandchildren and also with the "Fabulous Four."

Wylie James is survived by his wife, Eileen Kusel of Hartington, NE; two sons, Jim Kusel and special friend, Stacie Anderson of Hartington, Dean Kusel and special friend Betty Bailey of Bellevue, NE; four grandsons, Tyler, Tanner, Trevor, and John Kusel; one great granddaughter Remy Kusel; one brother Hank and his wife Ruth Kusel of Riverton, Wyoming; one sister Norma Jean and husband Dick Buschelman of Bellevue, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Larry Kusel.

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Viola Kreun

Viola Kreun, age 80, of Alcester, SD and formerly of Yankton, SD, passed away Monday afternoon, October 22, 2012 at the Morningside Manor Nursing Home, Alcester, SD.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Riverview Reformed Church, Yankton, with Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

Visitations will be immediately following the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Viola was born March 6, 1932 in Rock Valley, Iowa to De-thmer and Johanna (Hendricks) Hubbeling. She married Wayne Kreun on December 29, 1950. They resided in eastern South

Dakota their entire married life, moving to Yankton in 1966. They had four children, Randy (Pleasanton NE), Gary (Rapid City, SD), Jeff (Black Hawk, SD) and Bonnie (Northfield, MN).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, two sisters, Grace and Wilhemina, and two brothers, John and Harold. She is survived by her four children, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and three sisters: Betty DeHough of Phoenix, AZ, Martha Veldhuizen of Sioux City, IA, and Beverly Kooiker of Wyoming, MI.

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Vivian Kopping

Vivian Carolyn Kopping, 83, of Volin, SD passed away Sunday, October 21, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

Vivian was born November 1, 1928 to C.H. and Lulu Van Anda. She attended Wakonda Public School and then St. Lukes Nursing Program in Sioux City, Iowa.

Vivian married Frank Kopping on June 21, 1950. She was active in their farming and also worked as a Registered Nurse for Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Dr. Margaret Fathie and later Sacred Heart Hospital until her retirement.

She enjoyed china painting, visiting with her friends, spending time with her grandchildren and her time at the Moose Lodge functions.

She was a mother of three children; Rodney, Carolyn and Julie, also



Kopping

four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 at First Lutheran Church in Wakonda, with Pastor Anna Peck officiating. Burial will follow in the Union Cemetery, rural Wakonda.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com

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Janis Nedved

Janis R. Nedved, 74, died unexpectedly Monday, October 22, 2012 at her home in Wagner.

Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Wagner, with burial in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner. Visitation will be at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with the family present.

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